

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A biopsy material holding device for a biopsy cannula ~~(4)~~ to perform transcutaneous biopsies of tissue, in particular hard tissue and bone marrow tissue ~~by means of using~~ a biopsy material holding device that can be inserted into the proximal end of a biopsy cannula ~~(4)~~ and is inserted between the inner wall of a biopsy cannula ~~(4)~~ and the tissue-removing cylinder, wherein a wire ~~(3)~~ with a bevelling ~~(5)~~ is arranged at the distal end of ~~the said~~ wire ~~(3)~~ at a biopsy material holding device ~~and the wire (3) having~~ has a Pre-stress pre-stress angle (2) causing the wire to glide along the inner wall of the biopsy cannula when inserted into the biopsy cannula, a tip of the wire exerting a radial outward directed force on the inner wall of the biopsy cannula.

Claim 2 (currently amended): A The biopsy material holding

device for a biopsy cannula (4) according to claim 1 wherein the biopsy material holding device is made of a wire (3) attached to a grip end (22).

Claim 3 (currently amended): A The biopsy material holding device for a biopsy cannula (4) according to claim 1 wherein the biopsy material holding device is composed of a grip end (22) with an attached extension shank (1) and ~~that~~ wherein a wire (3) is fastened to the shank (1).

Claim 4 (currently amended): A The biopsy material holding device for a biopsy cannula (4) according to claim 1 wherein the wire (3) has a tip with a bevelling (5) and the tip with bevelling (5) has a bevelling angle B of 5° to 85°, ~~preferably 20°~~, and is facing the biopsy material cylinder (6).

Claim 5 (currently amended): A The biopsy material holding device for a biopsy cannula (4) according to claim 1, wherein the

beveling (5) of the wire (3) is either hollow ground or bulged.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A The biopsy material holding device for a biopsy cannula (4) according to claim 1 wherein the wire (3) with a pre-stress angle (2) is arranged at the ~~centre~~ center of the grip end (22), with the pre-stress angle (2) being between 1° and 90°.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A The biopsy material holding device for a biopsy cannula (4) according to claim 1 wherein the wire (3) has a length that corresponds to that of the biopsy cannula (4) at ends at the latter's ending.

Claim 8 (currently amended): A The biopsy material holding device for a biopsy cannula (4) according to claim 1 wherein the grip end (22) can be locked into the grip end (20) of the biopsy cannula (4).

Claim 9 (currently amended): A The biopsy material holding device for a biopsy cannula (4) according to claim 3 wherein the wire (3) is firmly connected to the distal end of the shank (1).

and a pre-stress angle ~~(2)~~ between 1° and 90° is provided,
according to the specific application.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A The biopsy material holding
device for a biopsy cannula ~~(4)~~ according to claim 3 wherein the
length of the wire ~~(3)~~ is ~~preferably~~ 25 mm and ends at the direct
end of a known biopsy cannula ~~(4)~~ after insertion of the shank
~~(1)~~ and locking of the grip end ~~(22)~~ into the grip ~~(20)~~ of the
biopsy cannula ~~(4)~~.

Claims 11-12 (canceled).